

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on Page 8, lines 7 - 14 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- U. S. Patent 5,862,323 to Blakley et al., titled "Retrieving Plain-Text Passwords from a Main Registry by a Plurality of Foreign Registries", and related U. S. Patent 5,832,211, also to Blakley et al., titled "Propagating Plain-Text Passwords from a Main Registry to a Plurality of Foreign Registries", teach a technique for password synchronization which adds a new attribute to a master registry (which is DCE, in the preferred embodiment), this new attribute being a plaintext password attribute. Most registries do not allow plaintext passwords to be stored, and secure registries do not allow retrieval of an existing password from the registry for creating a plaintext version thereof (as has been discussed above). --